Feels like time has flown by as we complete half our journey in the golden year of Rotaract Mumbai. In the past six months, we have risen to glorious heights, faced many ups and downs and worked together as a team to strive towards making this year the best we can! The year started off on a high note with RENAISSANCE - The Golden Revolution and we’re proud to note that the energy has been sustained throughout the months leading upto INCENDO - The Hidden Element in the Golden Year.

The 50th year of Rotaract Mumbai has seen various new and legacy initiatives being carried out with finesse and a special spark of the golden year. The bond between Rotary-Rotaract-Interact has never been stronger and the number of joint initiatives are a witness to that. Through this bulletin, we present the journey of that the district and its Rotaractors have led so far.

With such a glorious six month journey past, we are geared up to see what the remaining part of the year brings. Let’s promise to make the next six months even better than the ones passed!

Read on and enjoy!

-Rtr.Parmi Shah & Rtr.Sakshi Mehta
Team Editorial, Rotaract District 3141.
At the start of the year, I had promised the Rotaract District 3141 one thing. That I would ensure we give back to our members and more importantly, give back to the organisation.

I’m proud to say that six months into the year, we have surpassed expectations and set a great benchmark in the golden jubilee year of the organisation.

The journey so far has been great as we have seen so many amazing projects and initiative being carried out. This wouldn’t be possible without the support from the Rotary District 3141, their immense contribution has helped us reach great heights in the past six months. I would also like to thank the District Council Members, Presidents and their Board of Directors and most importantly, the root of this organisation, the members, for taking this journey with us and being the true stars of the movement.

But this is just the half-yearly mark! We have a lot more to STRIVE towards and ACHIEVE successfully in the remaining part of the year. I’m excited and geared up for the initiatives and events we have lined up for the latter half of the year. The district is ready to put on a grand show at all events leading upto 1st July, 2018. Rotaractors, gear up as we celebrate the 50th year of Rotaract and Strive2Achieve the celebration and journey of a lifetime!

-Rtr. Om Chawla,
District Rotaract Representative 2017-18,
Rotaract District 3141.

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Our journey began with a lot of enthusiasm and excitement as we geared up for the golden jubilee year of Rotaract Mumbai.

As Chairman Digital Media, I’m proud to say that a lot of innovation has been brought in to the district on the digital front. The district website and social media presence has boomed in the past six months. With initiatives like The Chronicles, Writer’s Ahoy, Rendezvous, Kalakari, IFRP, The Photo Bank, Hakuna Matata, Idea Machine, The Rotaract House, The Club Locator and many more, the team has surpassed my expectations and I’m proudly looking forward to seeing the initiatives they carry out in the remaining six months of this golden year.

I want to thank my team for their support and contribution throughout the year. I would also like to acknowledge the Core team for their immense support for me and my team. And most importantly, the clubs for participating in these initiatives and making them a grand success.

We are ready for the next six months as we look forward to creating a lot more innovation at various digital platforms and create a strong presence for the district digitally.

-Rtr. Bharat Patel,
Chairman Digital Media 2017-18, Rotaract District 3141.

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Let’s Take a Recap of the year…

The Journey of Team Secretariat:
“The Guardians of systems & processes, who will take care of smooth communications across the District 3141…”

- **Installations Conducted**: 85
- **OCV Conducted**: 15
- **Council Meeting**: 3
- **DRR Pressec Meeting**: 3

**PRESSEC SYSTEM**: An online mailing group to facilitate formal communication and set up the base of the communication system.

**ROTARACT OPERATING SYSTEM**: The online reporting system for Rotaract Clubs of 3141. It has made the entire functioning and report process much easier for all the Rotaract Clubs. Training session of the same was conducted on 16th July, 2017.

The Journey of Team Finance:
“In the end its all about Money…”

- **Total registered Rotaractors of RID 3141 – 4500+**
- **Opening of Bank Accounts**: Guidance to clubs being provided to open their own bank accounts to comply with the new norms and keeping in mind the future of the organization. Successfully helped 8 clubs with the entire process and also linking of PAN Card.

- **Registration of Rotaractors**: Over 60 Rotaract Clubs have successfully registered members with the district as on 30th September, 2017.

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The Journey So Far...

The Journey of Team Club Service:

“The team which will make sure the District bonds together as a family…"

Strivers Play (2nd April, 2017): A cricket match organized for the district council members and presidents. Attendance of 35+ Rotaractors.

District Assembly & AARA Night (2nd July, 2017): Celebrated the start of the new Rotaract Year and the success of previous year. Attendance of 850+.

Council Dinner (9th July, 2017): Post the 1st DRR PRESSEC Meeting, the district council members bonded over food and conversations. Attendance of 30+ Rotaractors.

RED 2018 (23rd & 24th December, 2017): A Cultural fest for all the Rotaractors of RID 3141 where they can showcase their talent.

The Journey of Team Community Service:

“Keeping in our mind the Moto Service above self…”

SHIKSHA: (Ongoing) An initiative to share the basic education which is a necessity and a right of every child.

GRANTHALAYA: (Ongoing) A library is accessible by the general public to enhance their knowledge and build their future.

AZADERACH: (Ongoing) A plantation drive for sustaining the existing environment and building a pollution free environment.


Oculus: (August 30, 2017) An eye screening camp to eradicate preventable causes of blindness and benefitting the target age group and underprivileged.

Diabetes Check Up camp: Exclusive awareness and screening of Diabetes across District in association with Rotary District 3141 along with Retina Screening.

Women empowerment: A Rotary-Rotaract seminar cum workshop where female is made aware of what things are right what not, whom they can approach and what can be done.

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The Journey of Team PD:

“The team who believes in Time to develop Professionally the geNEXT...”

**ROTARACT PLACEMENT CELL: (Ongoing)** One stop platform for all rotaractors to receive placement offers from all companies – small to large and get that work experience with the edge of Rotaract.

**LEADERSHIP-IN-ACTION (26th & 27th August, 2017):** Attendance of 50+ Rotaractors, Seminar cum workshop where the Rotaractors got to learn the essentials in a leader

**FINANCIAL LITERACY (26th-29th July, 2017):** Board of Industry-Academia Partnerships programme to provide golden opportunity to all Degree College students to assist and manage Financial Literacy Program in Solapur District.

**WORKSHOP (18th-20th August, 2017):** The Art of Living - Youth Empowerment & Skills Workshop (YES+) to enhance and boost mental and physical strength

**MIPS (2nd October,2017):** Model Indian Parliamentary Session was conducted for all the Rotaractors of RID 3141. Attendance : 247+

**ROJGAR MELA (16th-17th September, 2017):** Provide access to the Human Resource of skilled and unskilled unemployed youths to instantaneously connect face to face with the potential employers

The Journey of Team ED:

“Converting Ideas into Great Businesses...”

**ROTARACT INCUBATOR CELL: (Ongoing)** It’s a one point initiative to provide support, guidance and mentorship for aspiring entrepreneurs who have a dream to build their own Start-ups and look forward for planning and execution of the dream idea in a better manner.

**Start-UP Meet (17th September, 2017):** Attendance of 200+ Rotaractors

Panel Discussion & Chat Show, Entrepreneurs & venture capitalists presented their journey and experiences of their respective ventures and inspired the rotaractors
The Journey So Far...

The Journey of Team International Service:
“Expanding Horizons Beyond Borders...”

IDYE (Ongoing): IDYE helps promote better relations between RID 3141 and other Districts. 14 rotaractors have been exposed to different cultures and have had a great learning experience. We have had many Outgoing IDYEs like IDYE to 3201: Coimbatore, IDYE to 3232: Chennai, IDYE to 3054: Gujarat

Yellow Pages (ongoing): Rotaract District 3141 is preparing a Rotaract South Asia Yellow Pages. This guide shall have the contact information of DRRs’ of different districts, DRR Elects’ and International Service representatives of all the districts in South Asia. This has been done to facilitate communications and relationships between districts.

Rotary Youth Exchange: One of our talented rotaractors, Rtr. Riddhi Vichare from Rotaract Club of Bombay Hanging Garden has travelled to Brazil – RID 4770 on a rotary youth exchange programme for a year.

RMUN’ 17 (18th November, 2017): Rotary Rotaract Model United Nations was conducted for all the Rotaractors of RID 3141, where our Rotaractors got a chance to turn into delegates of different countries for a day.

The Journey of Team Sports:
“The Team which will keep District Fit & on toes throughout the year...”

Fantasy Football League (Ongoing):
A Rotaract league has been created on the official fantasy football website for the those Rotaractors who follow the English Premiere League.

There will be a lot of challenges for specific game weeks for prizes which the participants will be able to win.

This is a year long initiative for people interested in football.
The Journey So Far…

The Journey of Team Public Relations:
“Time to Promote Brands with Rotaract Globally…”

WRY 2017-18: (Ongoing) World Responsible Youth Week 2018 will be a Week Long Campaign of Iconic Initiatives highlighting how it is extremely important to be RESPONSIBLE as a Person to make a Difference. However, being responsible is a process. Hence Team WRY shall support every club community service project whose motto is “Being Responsible”. The WRY WEEK Celebrated on 13th January, 2018 to 21st January, 2018

The Captured YOU: (Ongoing) A bulletin that captures the best projects that clubs have showcased for the month. It is a great platform for clubs to continue publicity of a project once done.

R-NEWS: (Ongoing) News updates of Rotaract in a fun way on our youtube channel of the district. It’s a quick recap of activities conducted and of course a glimpse of upcoming activities! The Initiative is done by TEAM PR & TEAM DM.

The Journey of Team Marketing:
“Time to Promote Brands with Rotaract Globally…”

Sketching #Rotaract50 with YUTE: (July 2017) Rotaractors had to submit entries by creatively sketching and defining #Rotaract50 and what it means to them. Prizes were sponsored by the brand YUTE

Associations with Slonkit and McDonalds taken a level high

Promotion of YES GRANTS to be given to 10 Rotaract Community Service Projects by YES Foundation.

PLATELET DONATION: Saving lives of dengue patients by becoming a platelet donor.

Registration to be a platelet donor and awareness created for the same

Alongside blood donation, it’s the need of the hour to make people aware about platelet donations and all that it costs is a little time to save a life
The Journey So Far...

The Journey of Team Partners-In-Service:
“The Team which will make sure all the stakeholders of the organisation are happy…”

Alumni Cell: (Ongoing) We are in process of registering each alumni and ensure they attend events and stay connected to Rotaract.

50 RYLAs: (Ongoing) Promoting clubs to conduct RYLAs jointly with their Rotary Clubs and also promote better relations with the Rotary.

RYPEN (4th & 5th November, 2017): RYPEN 2017 conducted for the Interactors for 2 days, where they learnt lots of things on various sectors like banking, Finance, Dance, RJ etc..

NUKKAD STARS (17th September, 2017):
Attendance 350+ People Street Play Competition for our Interactors, Elimination round conducted and the selected teams to compete during RED 2017

The Journey of Team HRD:
“Great Leaders build new leaders instead of followers…”

ORIENTATIONS: (Ongoing) Conducted over 25+ Orientations

BUDDY COUNCIL SYSTEM: (Ongoing) 21 charter clubs and revived clubs have been allotted buddy council members.

ROTARACT HELPDESK: (Ongoing) A one stop solution to any queries, questions or doubts on Rotaract or the District 3141.

PRE-PETS: (21st January, 2017) Attendance of 42+ Rotaractors. 1st Interaction with the Presidents 17-18 of R.I.D.3141 Club Presidents were oriented about the year and the vision of how the year looks like

MINI-PETS: (12th March, 2017) Attanance 102+
Interaction with the Presidents and Secretaries of 2017-18 of R.I.D.3141. Training based on Rotaract skills, Understanding expectation of the movement

PREVIEW: (23rd April, 2017) Attendance of 89+ Rotaractors A PREVIEW to what the year 2017-18 at the district looks like

GOALS :19th,20th,21st May, 2017
Attendance of 120+ Rotaractors 3 days Training Session for Presidents, Secretaries and District Council Members

Directors’ Training Session: 18th June, 2017
Attendance of 600+ Rotaractors. District Avenue Teams oriented their respective club directors on the avenue dynamics, their role profiles and acquaint them better with the district

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The Journey So Far…

The Journey of Team Digital Communications:

“The Team who will make sure Rotaract rules the digital age…”

JPEG MAKING WORKSHOP (12th August, 2017): A workshop for the Rotaractors to learn the art of JPEG making through software like PowerPoint and Photoshop.

District Council E-Mail ID: (Ongoing) District Official Council E-mail ID Successfully Created for all the DCM for making standard E-mail ID which brand Rotaract 3141.

GO Digital: (Ongoing): A platform for the clubs to seek the help of the Digital Communications District Team in creating the best Website suitable to your club by yourself. 13 website helped by District & 28 + Club website Published.

Kalakari: (Ongoing) A platform for the Artists to come together and share a platform of creativity and avail jobs in their own talents. 22 + Rotaractors are participating in this initiative.

District Website: (Ongoing) Revamping the website and updating it as per the need of the hour. This year district website is having All the Rotaract Information & Many More… We are updating Website on regular basis. The Link of the website is www.rotaract3141.org

Club Locator: (Ongoing) Club Locator is new feature we added in the District website where we are having Mumbai Map which showing club details of R.I.D. 3141 with their meeting location & Contact Details.

Brand Identity: (Ongoing) Brand Identity is an initiative to make Rotaract Logo Standard for all the clubs. Team Digital Communication is making logos for clubs & advising them about Rotaract Standard logo & request them to use that logo for Club Promotion. Till now we have made logos for 7+ Clubs.
The Journey So Far...

The Journey of Team Editorial:
“A pen is mightier than a sword, that’s exactly what the team believes in...”

The First Word (2nd July, 2017): The First Bulletin of the year has been launched during District assembly where our Rotaractors shared their First word for the year 2017-18 & shared their views on Strive2achieve.

The Chronicles: (Ongoing) The Chronicles is an initiative where our Rotaractors of RID 3141 writes articles on different topics & Send it to us for releasing it on District Blog. In Q1-117+ articles & Q2-97+ Articles Received.

Rendezvous: (Ongoing): A short write up /article or newsletter post each event that takes place at Rotaract 3141 in the year 2017-18. There are 3 Edition Launched

The Memoir: The Special Bulletin of the Year where clubs need to write about the Autobiography of their club, Highlighted Projects, Legacy Projects or Fact about their clubs & All this will featured in one Special Bulletin called “The Memoir”.

The Soul Strom: The Third Bulletin of the Year where clubs need to write their Philosophy in Rotaract.

The Journey of Team Photography:
“Seasons of joy come and go but memories linger on forever, capturing the BEST of US...”

PHOTO BANK: (Ongoing) we have created a System where we share the link of pictures which is not uploaded on social Media

IFRP: (Ongoing) The IFRP was formed to advance and foster the Object of Rotary and photographers who share a love of all things photographic. Rotaract District 3141 is Proudly Part of this Initiative of Rotary international.

RSAMDOI Monthly Contest: We requested the clubs to send their entries to RSAMDOI for their Monthly contest which was based on Photography. Our District 3141 represented in this initiative by sending 10+ Entries.
The Journey of Team Social Media:

“For every action there should always be a social media overreaction!”

Social Media Handles (Ongoing): we are so much active on social media platforms of RID 3141. We are covering all the District Initiative with lots of innovation & New things. The Count of Likes & Followers on our social Media page is as follows as on 27th January, 2017: Face book: 3394 Likes, Instagram: 3881 Followers, Twitter: 963 Followers

Monsoon Relief: (29th August, 2017) During 5th day of Ganesh Visarjan there was a natural disaster happened in Mumbai, we helped lots of people during that day with the help of social Media.

Rotaract Membership Week: (Ongoing): Rotaract Membership week is an Initiative of District 3141. On Social Media we had a Campaign with the Hashtag #JoinRotaract, which got a huge response on social media.

Polio Awareness: (27th October, 2017) During World Polio day our Social Media platform was active throughout the day with lots of Amazing Post like JPEG of DRR & Presidents Showing their Support for END Polio Now, Live from the Event of End Polio Campaign, Twitter Activity etc...

Rotaract 50 Human Chain: (5th November, 2017)
On the World Interact Day we have Celebrated the 50 Years of Rotaract with the Interactors & made Human Chain of 50 with our Lovely Interactors.

Other Initiative:

ROTARACT ACADEMY: A mega project wherein workshops and sessions on various aspects and skills like Personality Development, Finance management/Marketing, Leadership, Self assessment, Communication, Public Speaking, Graphic Designing etc. All trainings avenue wise as well as soft skills under one roof with experts from the field. Carried out at the club level, it has benefitted members the most.

QUARTERLY CHALLENGES: Different avenues have different challenges for their directors in each quarter and all clubs who complete such quarterly challenges shall be acknowledged at the end of the year.

IDEA MACHINE: Team Digital Media is sharing List of project ideas for the directors to make the avenue know for its activities. Till now we shared Project ideas for 7 Months.
The Journey So Far...

The Journey of Team Zones:

“To be a great leader, one must be a great listener.”

Zone 1:
Total Clubs : 26
No. of Shiksha Session : 24
ZRR PRESSEC Meeting : 4

Zone 2:
Total Clubs : 35
No. of Shiksha Session : 43
ZRR PRESSEC Meeting : 3 (22 Individual PRESSEC Meeting)

Zone 3:
Total Clubs : 16
No. of Shiksha Session : 5
ZRR PRESSEC Meeting : 2 (7 Individual PRESSEC Meeting)

Zone 4:
Total Clubs : 32
No. of Shiksha Session : 12
ZRR PRESSEC Meeting : 1

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The Journey so far…

The Rotaract Club of K.C. College has always tried to come up with new and exciting initiatives which can make a difference to the Rotaract movement as a whole. This year too, we are aiming to collectively create a positive change in our society even if it means taking tiny steps. The Team of 2017-18 has been working hard and in the process we have created meaningful and nurturing relationships. With one another’s support each of us feel more together, more loved and that we belong.

As our club theme for the year revolves around the ideals of L.E.A.D-ership, we have tried to integrate this in our projects. The projects have helped to influence others and assisted our General Body Members to rise to their maximum potential.

Quarter one has been the most vibrant start to this year. A total of 87 projects were conducted in the span of three months. Intensive training was given to the Directors by the Human Resource Development Officers in order to carry out their roles effectively. Some of the most awaited projects were conducted in the first quarter such as: Trek -The tough journey, Win it in a minute, Dare to Date, Lend a Hand, Let’s Cater, Anti Honking Awareness Drive, Market Place, Workshop on Filmmaking, Mr. and Ms. RCKC, Fun Schooling, Jashn-e-Milaap, Semicolon, Gratuliere, Elevator Pitch, Rural Olympics, Fashion Walk, Our Vote Not For Sale, Juliet Bureau, Wordplay- Literature Fest, Taboo, Mahamodak and Lights, Camera, Chaturthi! These projects showcase some of our major work helping us to have a great start for the Rotaract year.

Quarter two has been equally exciting and challenging as the first. Several flagships as well as new projects were carried out in these months. Some of these include: Prom Night, Topsy Turvy World, Medi Aid, Nanhe Sitaare, Model Indian Parliamentary Session’17, Mera Avenue Mahaan, Happiness Hour, #TheBossSaid, Cricket Fever 1.0, #ThanksgivingRCKC, EdYOUcation-Phase 1, RCKC Connect (Newsletter- Quarter 1) and Kidopia. These projects have helped to create an impact in our society and also given our General Body Members different experiences and an opportunity for overall development.

In conclusion, The Rotaract Club of K.C. College has touched so many hearts and we hope there are so many more to come. It is truly a collaboration of several dedicated individuals who have come together to create something very special and bring about a beautiful change in order to make a difference.

- Rotaract Club of K.C. College

Warm Rotaract Greetings,

Well, I was the delegate of Mexico country for RMUN’17. This was the first RMUN experience was very fantastic and amazing. The delegates of other country were also polite in their speech, this amazing experience had many ups and downs the efforts of preparing the speech the preparing for the debate was the most difficult but the most challenging so overall the experience of RMUN’17 was very good and something very amazing...!!!

- Rtr. Devasya shah (Rotaract Club of Sathaye College)

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The Journey so far…

Looking at the ever changing trends and fashions and constant race for modernity, we barely see people going the extra mile to bring about a palpable change in the lives of those living in straitened circumstances or endeavoring to make a difference in the lives of others.

However, it is through the indomitable spirit of Rotaract that stands tall in the glorious legacy attained in 50 years, that we see innovation and dedication heading for building a better future.

Adhering to the club’s theme and motto, in the first half of this Golden Jubilee Rotaract year, the Rotaract club of NM college has been successful in its endeavors to inspire lives of people and initiative movements to bring about tangible change in society.

The Rotaract Club of NarseeMonjee College has been doing varied events in all avenues and has increased its bar year after year. We have been able to encourage the members to gather required experience in their interested fields and develop their communication skills as well. They have proved to be live examples of how one’s personality changes after receiving the push in the right direction. The club further increased its mark under the guidance of Rtr. NarenThakkar and Rtr. AakashRathi who futher passed on the baton to Rtr. JineshDhupelia.

Have a short glimpse of our journey and take a walk down the memory lane:

With Every Wrinkle tells a tale creating awareness about the condition of our elders in India and learning from their experiences, I am Malala focused on Female Education along with partnering with over 45 clubs across the globe. Project Sankalp was an initiative to address the issue of pests in slum areas in collaboration with 98.3 RED FM and Zee news. The Purple Pledge aimed at inspiring young girls and females to fulfill their dreams and carry on their entrepreneurship activities in various fields. Maatujhe salaam aimed at instilling a sense of patriotism among people and create more awareness about what PIS does whereas Sitaare created a platform for the avenue to showcase different club activities along with Rotary, Interact and Inner wheel. In order to create awareness about eco friendly ganesh idols, Deva E Ganesh was organized along with Again Beach Cleaning Drive to clean the Juhu beach after Ganesha idol immersion and create an awareness about the aftermath of pollution. While Cheers to Purpose is our Yearly Club bulletin, it inspired the youth to have a firm motive in life and work towards it. Football Fiesta was a professional Football tournament with 32 teams while Garv created awareness about LBGT rights via a street play at Infinity Mall, Malad. Drowning highlighted the seriousness of the issues relating to #BoycottBlueWhaleChallenge along with a Candle March while Diwali WahiSochNayi impacted children’s lives by donating basic amenities and celebrating the festival with them in a better manner.

While Scripted’17 gave an insight to the participants to look into new aspects of literature and put their skills to test, the event also propagated the idea of spoken word poetry to visually impaired kids by distributing braille copies to the students. With capturing the true essence of World Interact Week with all the stakeholders of Rotaract and going international to reach out to global interact clubs to providing a platform for all budding artists through the event Spotlight, we’ve had the best of events. Nova witnessed a mixture of various activities ranging from Photography, 3D printing to Digital Treasure Hunt. Steer Clear was a marathon to popularize a healthier form of living with donating one meal with every one participant joining the cause of marathon.

RCNM Academy is an initiative taken in collaboration with various other organizations to promote the idea of education through Practical and Fun learning covering topics like learning english, disaster management, road safety, etc.

The half year ended our revival festival ‘Rotofest’17’, a socio economic festival for a period of two days which had activities ranging from Digital Virtuality for NGO kids to Photofocus, from Street plays to Junk bands, from Sand printing to Soap Carving, from singing to Mr. and Ms. Rotofest, from Open Mic to Book’ed along with witnessing a humorous and witty evening with the Punjabi from East India Comedy, Mr. Angad Singh Ranyal, Rotofest’17 had it all! Ending 6 months with a bang, in true sense.

-Rotaract Club of NM College

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The Journey so far...

Six months back I joined Rotaract and it had been the best decision.

Being part of Rotaract, opened up a world of opportunities for me. Being in Rotaract demands a certain level of responsibility, a certain level of commitment and in return it teaches you about yourself, it teaches you to be a leader. From one project to another, I grew up as a person.

It’s been just six months but now I carry such an experience which I wouldn’t have gained had I not been a part of Rotaract.

Other than experience I have gained a huge respect from everyone I know, and I cannot deny that proud feeling I feel from being a Rotaractor. And another amazing part about being in Rotaract is that I now have friends for lifetime, though it’s only been six months, Rotaract is like a big family, it welcomes you, supports you and makes you realize your potential and is always there for you.

Rtr. Sneha Gedam
Community Service Director & Editor
RC Andheri

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The Soul Storm

• "If you really want to do something there is no tomorrow its now or never"  
  - Rtr. Khushi Wasan

• "Well my philosophy is even if you fail once, twice or thrice you should never give up on the thing that you are working for, you should learn to get up and face the problems which are causing you to fail and only you can solve those problems are move forward towards success."  
  - Rtr. Ajay Sengar

• "Never compare yourself with others because no one will show concern and you will underestimate yourself you would forget your qualities and start acquiring the other person's."  
  - Rtr. Janhvi Honale

• "You never know what’s coming in life so be prepared."  
  - Rtr. Mohammed Khan

• "LEARN from YESTERDAY LIVE for TODAY LOVE for TOMORROW"  
  - Rtr. Varun Chaurasia

• "The only thing standing between you and your dreams is..... reluctance"  
  - Rtr. Manav Jain

• "If you want to say hi to a creative life you must first say bye to all your fears of being wrong"  
  - Rtr. Devika Sharma

• "Happiness can be found even in the darkest of times, if one remembers to turn on light"  
  - Rtr. Dhwani Solanki

• "Make improvements, not excuses. Seek respect, not attention."  
  - Rtr. Mehak Julka

• "Life is short. Focus on what really matters most. Better be aware of your priorities before hurting yourself"  
  - Rtr. Divya Jain

• The one who falls and gets up is stronger than the one who never tried. Do not fear failure but rather fear not trying."  
  - Rtr. Disha Singh

By The Rotaract Club of Lala Lajpatrai College

• We try to do something but it turns out to be something else... Then we say only one thing #PresidentSambhalLega  
  - Rtr. Harshvardhan Shah

• Expect the unexpected, be it good things or bad! While at a Rotaract event, never proceed without a back up.  
  - Rtr. Jinali Mehta

• My philosophy of Rotaract is a platform to build everlasting bonds with dynamic minds across the globe and to work along with them for the betterment of humankind.  
  - Rtr. Sanidhya Bindal

By The Rotaract Club of Bombay Uptown

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The Soul Storm

• Rotaract is a journey of learning, of failures, of ups and downs, a journey that you embark on with friends and the people who turn into a family in just a few years. Rotaract is to make mistakes, learn from them and become successful in your career. It’s not just an add-on for your, it’s an experience that goes way beyond that.

Rules to follow -

1. Be yourself
2. Follow deadlines
3. Be creative
4. Make mistakes
5. Have fun.

Thus, Rotaract builds you, breaks you and moulds you into a responsible person.

Love rotaract and it shall love you back.

-Rtr. Fatema Kathawala

• A vision cannot be a reality with a whisk of a wand, but it's the hard work and the efforts that you dig in to achieve the qualitative motive and not just the quantity as it just gives numbers. To get the best give your best.  

-Rtr. Sanil Mehta

• Rotaract changes our lives, it makes us feel better. It makes us meet people from various walks of life and grooms us. It makes you go to places and have unique experiences. It truly creates memories for life. The philosophy to which I abide by in Rotaract is, let it challenge you every day. Complete those challenges by making people smile and making them realize their worth as well as yours. Let it remove your fears. Do not be scared if your ideologies are different because that is one thing which will make you stand out.

-Rtr. Arwa Electricwala

• Rotaract has given me its best and its worst. But with all the worst I have no been able to dislike anything about this productive movement. Sounds cliché, but in sheer honesty it has changed me as a person, given me confidence and a voice to raise for what is right. The philosophy I abide by in Rotaract is the importance of starting from 'small' because to crack it big, you need to start from small. Only when you start from small do you value becoming big. And it told me; don't try blending in when you are born to stand out.

-Rtr. Mahima Udani

• Social service is where a needy meets a needy. A space where mind and soul connects to humanity and to the mother nature. Rotaract is one of those spaces which helps to connect people, help people and develop the society by providing each other’s support to improve the world by unity. Its space where living develops, mentality develops and with it the skills and personality too. Its place where there is no give and take, its place where there is solely development of a person by a person for the society. There is only one motto to create a better world for a happier living. Rotaract is just not a space for social development but also development of the human race.

-Rtr. Harsh Mehta

By The Rotaract Club of Bombay Queens Town

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We are but imperfect humans striving towards perfection. We take birth without ambitions, grow and blossom to adulthood to realize our purpose and eventually aspire to achieve the ever changing goals in our lives till we are no longer capable of chasing our dreams. It is however interesting that each one of us has a different way of going about with this process. Besides our different goals in life, it is also a question of perceptions, outlooks and beliefs we so gracefully call our “philosophy”. Some live by a discipline of principles laid down by someone or something they look up to whereas some have their own set of principles resulting from wisdom and experience over time. I personally prefer to build my own philosophy in life although it might have a flavor of inspiration from many of the famous success stories. Broadly it goes as “Every no deserves a better yes”. This philosophy has four aspects to it:

Rejection is a part of life and we must learn to accept it. It is not wrong to stand by our ideas, but it must not be at the cost of oversight of what is simply a shortcoming. Rather than ranting over the straight “no”, we might as well get a feedback as to why it isn’t a yes. It is a big learning ground out there in the world. Despite multiple set-backs and rejections, giving up is not an option. There is bound to be a door that opens to a “Yes”. After watching a thousand doors shut in our face, there comes a point where we are tempted to admit defeat. But it is certain that perseverance is meant to pay off eventually.

When I say a “Better yes” it again opens possibilities. An unrefined idea, for example, has many flaws, but rejections force us to work on it and refine it till it is finally perfect. Once it is perfect, it is bound to be a success. Another way to see this aspect is the source of the “Yes”… if one irrational person does not appreciate our idea, knock another door. If we trust that our idea is one in a million, there is certainly someone better who would understand, appreciate and respect our opinions. A “Yes” from a level headed person is obviously better than the baseless opinion of an irrational person.

History has been a profile of outcasts and rejects who have stood by their unique ideas which have in turn proved to be turns of the centuries. The very fact that the earth is spherical was rejected before it was discovered to be true. If our work is prolific & exquisite, yet cast aside by the society, the “better yes” may be our own! Rather than looking for social approval a willingness to succeed itself personifies self actualization. Once we believe our own potential, the society eventually comes around to follow the success in excellence.

In simple walks of life, this philosophy is a form of the high road for me. The philosophy applies to something as simple as catching an Auto-rickshaw ride and goes on extending to some more complicated scenarios in life such as making choices of priorities. In Rotaract, many of us especially the ones in the Public Relations and Marketing avenues often contact potential sponsors for events and projects. Every call may not be a fruitful exercise, but the belief that every “no” will eventually turn into a “yes” keeps us going. It is quite the root of persistent and stubborn workhorse inside us. Even if we face a denial, we know that there’s nothing to lose if we focus our efforts in the right direction.

A peaceful mind is the key to resolve most of the problems in our lives. Taking a high road, as the philosophy goes, is of course a peaceful way to settle things. No dispute can last when I do not argue or complain about circumstances or people and believe that they will eventually come around, it turns out they end up returning the favor by respecting my work and moving the hurdles out of my way. To the peers, it kind of portrays me as this calm and composed headed person is obviously better than the baseless opinion of an irrational person.

Amitabh Bacchhan was rejected on a Radio channel for his voice, but today his dialogue delivery is just phenomenal even in his 70s. J.K Rowling’s Harry Potter Books were rejected by several Publishers, but were finally loved and accepted by a Publisher’s child, the very target audience the books were intended for initially. But as we know today, help is always given at Hogwarts to those who need it, deserve it, love it, whether adult or child. Michael Jordan was denied a spot in his high school Basketball team!! He turned that “No” to a big “Yes” and found a spot as a Champion in the songs as well as the sport!

And the list goes on… Today’s world lives in rat races running in the endless loops of monotony. A unique idea will often be denied an opportunity to find its wings. But the philosophy that “every no deserves a better yes” is what built all these races in the first place. Most of the big multinational Enterprises started as failed ventures which were rejected seed capital. The ideas had to aspire and evolve a lot more before the startups became the Microsofts and Apples of the world. All this only because the entrepreneurs believed that their billion dollar ideas were meant to be more than just rejected ideas; they were meant to become a reality and all that there was between them accomplishing this was a single “Yes”…They got it, yes even we can and we will!!

-Rtr. Mohit Rajadhyaksha (Rotaract Club of Bombay West)

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We all believe in the power of dreams and we all hope that they come true. But the philosophy of my life is more inclined towards the purpose behind all our aspirations. Most of us say that we’ve got the sparkle within us, the sparkle to achieve all great heights and make our dreams turn into reality. But how many of us actually try to figure out what ignited that sparkle? What is the purpose behind all that we want to achieve?

What is the one thing that can avoid Monday blues and stop us from hitting the snooze button? What actually fuels our passion, intrigues us to push ourselves and exceed our limits?

Take a moment and look around. You’ll see artistic souls caught in finance careers and laymen who subjugated their creative vibes to fit in the squares allotted to them by society. Most of them haven’t really questioned their heart as to what it desires, they’ve never tried to figure out the motive behind their existence.

For some, the realisation of their purpose comes in the flash of a second, while for others it comes after years of meaningless wandering.

But the journey of self-exploration is one that unfolds its charm only once you start to meander, and it’s this journey that leads you to where you belong. It paves way for you to find your inner voice and live a life of purpose; marking the cessation of monotony, giving birth to innovation and creativity.

It’s only when you discover your purpose that you start leaving your imprints on the world, rather than merely absorbing the imprints of others. Hence, I vehemently believe that a resolute purpose is a pre-requisite to every aspiration and action of ours and it’s this philosophy that I relate my life to.

-Rtr. Anushka Mittal (Rotaract Club of NM College)

Few months ago when I first joined Rotaract Club Of Mumbai Ghatkopar (RCMG), I instantly felt the connection with my fellow rotaracters who helped me shape and mold me my character understand the meaning of "Happiness lies in helping others". Helping other people made me realize how to be beneficial for others and how people actually needed me and how I could be of any use.

After volunteering for donations I was given an opportunity to become the Chairperson of Installation Event and eventually end up being the Editor of RCMG.

It gave me a sense of responsibility and Rotaract Club has made me push myself to extents I didn’t even think I could and I’d forever be grateful for joining and becoming a part of this family.

-RCMG editorial

"Rotaract is a team work. No matter which avenue, no matter which club, no matter which zone we belong to, when it comes to making a difference, when it comes to conducting projects, when it comes to making Rotaract a success, we Rotaractors stand together.

It is true that Rotaract makes us leaders but that’s because it makes us even better teammates. We know how to be reliable, strong team; because making Rotaract a success is a team effort."

-Rtr. Sneha R. Gedam (Rotaract Club of Andheri)
The Soul Storm

The work done in Rotaract should either enhance your skills for your career or should be something that you would not get to do routinely.

Mumbai as a city is so big, attending an Installation/OCV/Project is nothing but a chance to see a part of the city you wouldn’t otherwise.

As a working professional, the closest I will get to college drama and fun is Rotaract, hence!

-Rtr. Ojas Joshi (District H.R.D. Officer 2017-18)

Every individual has two different sides, The positive one that they pretend and their true dark side. Which they hide.

Some person embrace their dark side and make it their personality.

But there are a few people who wear a mask of positive outlook, the kind being and etc.

They go on supporting their friends, family and even strangers. But the time they are by themselves the dark side comes out. It changes the views, beliefs of the person in the most drastic way.

The person who is thinking that life is all about hardships and success in the day, the same person thinks that life is always unfair.

Eventually what we see is not always true.

-Rtr. Siddhi Joshi (Rotaract Club of Mithibai College)

Did Kings and monarchs follow a philosophy? What is a philosophy to start with? Are they the same as principals? What makes our philosophies so strong that they can be stuck to our entire lives? Are philosophies so important?

It's often said that a person can be great or far reaching only if they have something they believe in so strongly that no matter what, they won't lose faith in it. Different people believed in different philosophies. You can not determine whether the philosophy you stick to is right or wrong. It is just something you believe in and you are willing to abide by throughout your life.

What is it that I strongly believe in? Something I can abide by? It's a long debate. Because I am still unsure what is it that I can commit to, my entire life. However, I strongly believe that at any point of time we have two choices. There is a 'right' and a 'left'. But, at no point is there 'no other' choice.

As far as I can remember I have seen my parents, my brothers, friends and peers stuck in situations where they gave up saying there is no other choice they had. They either took the simplest evaluation possible or didn’t do any at all. Every moment we pass is history, every choice we make is history, we learn out of it.

In a situation, if we take a left turn, we might or might not help someone. Similarly, with right turn. Whatever our situation be, we make history and it's consequence would be future. The only thing that matters right now in the present is our choice, whether we chose a 'left' or a 'right'.

-Rtr. Aditi Saksena (Rotaract Club of Bombay Kandivli)

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“Trust the wait, Embrace the uncertainty, Enjoy the beauty of becoming.

When nothing’s certain, Anything is possible.”

Every person has their dreams. But so many of live their life being dissatisfied, sad and unhappy. Because all we do is what people expect of us to do. Work, Study, Being good. Just doing what everyone else is doing. But deep down we know there’s something missing - the real joy of life. The satisfaction of actually living the dream. The dream your heart desires. So go after that. You have only one life. Make all the crazy things your heart wants you to. Maybe that would mean quitting your job, finding new friends, a new hobby. Maybe go on adventures or move out of your house, your hometown just do something that you have always been afraid to do.

Always keep looking. Not for a person, but for your passion, your love, your courage, your goals, your dreams, your happiness, yourself. Explore yourself before you explore another. Know your worth, know yourself. Only then will you know what you want. You need yourself to become your own.

When you start to feel like things should have been better, remember the mountains and valleys that got you here. They are not accidents and do not let those moments go in vain. You are not the same, you are growing and you are wrapped in endless, boundless grace. Things do get better because there’s more to you than yesterday.

-Rtr. Devika Deshpande (Rotaract Club of K.C. College)

There are 2 types of people in this world; those who believe that all that our community needs a little bit of compassion and kindness and those who believe that that there’s a little too much of kindness and compassion in our community. I, happen to be someone who fits into the first category a little too well.

We live in a world that many times focuses on the negative, on the bad, on the pessimistic. A world where we are fragmented by the labels of caste, creed, colour, etc. A world where both, the good and the bad exist. Perspective and how you choose to view the world around you is, in fact, a choice. I encourage myself to always choose to focus on the abundant good that is all around me. To adapt to the notion that the glass is half full, that rain is a blessing because it brings us beautiful flowers, that the grass is greener under your own two feet not on the other side of the fence. Choose this perspective, because it is no ones’ choice but your own. Choose to be kind in an unkind world. There are many things, people, and circumstances that will try to bring you down. Tear you down. Shake you. Don’t let them. For anyone who is "trying to bring you down, is beneath you already." I read this recently, and I couldn’t agree more. What you stand for, believe in and work hard at, you should hold true to, be proud of. So don’t ever let someone take them from you. They are yours alone. They are your own personal gift. Own them.

Kindness is one of the seven virtues. It can be defined as the righteous and caring attitude towards others. But the definition of kindness is not just limited to words. Kindness & compassion can be simulated into your actions. Kindness can mend a broken soul. It can bring a smile on someone’s face, it can light up somebody’s world. Kindness is yet another tool, a tool to make this world a better place. Compassion could be lending a helping hand. Compassion could be sharing your food with a street dog. Compassion could be anything that makes your heart happy and the recipient’s eyes twinkle with hope and joy.

Kindness and compassion is free. Be kind. No matter how broken you are. No matter how blue you feel. Be kind. At the end of the day, be kind to yourself. Be kind to others. Realize when someone is unkind to you — that’s about them. Not you. You get what you give, choose to be kind in an unkind world.

-Rtr. Rhea Kottashethi (Rotaract Club of K.C. College)
The Soul Storm

Everyone has their own, unique way looking at situations and reacting to those situations. It depends on their beliefs and experiences that have helped them shape their very own, personal philosophies and principles in life.

These philosophies and principles are adopted by us either consciously or unconsciously and either ways, they play a very important role in our lives. They are almost the sole aspects that define us. They are the reason for our success or failure, the reason behind choosing the right or wrong path, the reason behind living our lives to the fullest or living a life of constant fear and self-pity. Thus, it is very important to have the right and strong philosophies and principles in life.

The basic philosophies or principles that I follow in my life are as follows:-

- I do not undertake or start any project or work until I have a proper satisfactory answer to the question, "Why am I doing this?" or "What purpose does this project or work serve?" This helps me to be aware about the actual motive to do something and it also helps me stay motivated.

- I try to keep my mind completely free from the opinions and judgements of others about me or my work. It is very hard as they say, "Man is a social being." Thus, it is expected that the societies' opinions and judgements will affect us in some way or the other. But I try to keep my mind off these things as only then will I be able to contribute something unique and unexpected to the society itself. As they say, "You are on the right path if people laugh at you and your ideas."

- I always do everything with a positive mindset. There is no use of doing something if I don't feel good while doing it and I am doing it just because I'm compelled to do it. It is better not to do something rather than forcing myself to do something as forced effort doesn't yield a justifiable result. Thus, a positive environment and a feeling of positivity is must for me while doing any task.

- Lastly, I do all my tasks and responsibilities with all my dedication. I cannot rest till a task is absolutely finished. Leaving something unfinished is not an option for me. I have to find a way to complete the task, in case of any hurdle or problem. I feel that this quality of dedication is absolutely necessary, especially for a person bestowed with some responsibility.

So those were some of the philosophies and principles that I follow in my own personal as well as professional life. These philosophies and principles were established by me for myself with the help of my experiences and the analysis of these principles. And these philosophies and principles have helped me immensely.

I hope everyone establishes philosophies and principles for themselves, if they have not done so yet. More importantly, these philosophies and principles should be the right ones that act as catalysts for one's overall development and progress.

Thank you.

-Rtr. Deep Pherwani (Rotaract Club of K.C.College)

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The girl's boyfriend just broke up with her because he found someone prettier. She was in tears when she posted the picture. Your poem of admiration was exactly what she needed right then. Maybe, it was her only cure.

The lady beside you, was pretty done too. The talk was exactly what she desired. Talking for a while, about random cities and getting back to the routine was what could've made her day. But just like you, she pretended to look away, too.

2 instances, my friend.
Both in which, the person tried to be normal, when deep appreciation or a random gesture was precisely what was needed/desired.

Why is it that people are so obsessed with the idea of normal? Why is it that random has now become undesirable? We're all gasping to express our emotions in this world full of normal people, aren't we? Why couldn't the person share the poetry of admiration or strike up a conversation?

Why normal?
Sometimes what the world needs is the naked truth, an unaltered poetry, an unusual gesture, or a raw song.
I repeat. Naked, unaltered, unusual, raw.
Now I'm not saying that roam around picturing the world as a movie. But go take that unusual step, appreciate that person once in a while, write a poetry without thinking about the grammar, or maybe, express your gratitude toward the nature!

Don't force yourself to be normal just to be acceptable. "Different" is what the world needs right now. Don't hesitate.
Because why normal? Eh?

- Jaanvi Haria, (Rotaract Club of Mumbai Mulund South)
Thank You!

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